Why Local Governments Support EPR

California Integrated Waste Management Board Producer Responsibility Workshop June 5, 2007



California Product Stewardship Council

MISSION

"To shift California's product waste management system from one focused on government funded and ratepayer financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design."

California Product Stewardship Council

STRATEGY

- Build local capacity, knowledge & relationships
- Foster unified local voice for EPR
- Work toward statewide producer responsibility solutions

California Product Stewardship Council - Participants

Alameda County

Burbank City

CIWMB, DTSC

Contra Costa County

Fresno City

Kern County

Los Angeles City

Los Angeles County

Marin County

Moraga City

Napa County

Oakland City

Palo Alto City

Riverside County

San Francisco City/County

San Joaquin County

San Jose City

San Mateo County

Santa Barbara County

Santa Clara County

Santa Cruz County

Santa Monica City

Simi Valley City

Sonoma County

Environmental Services JPA

of Regional Council of Rural Counties

(22 counties)

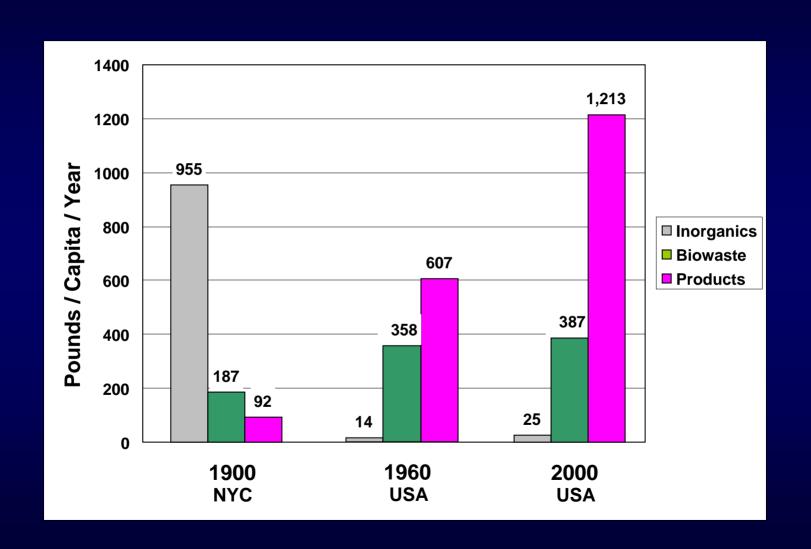
BA SW Mngmnt Agencies Assoc.

CA Reg'l Water Qual. Control Board

California Stormwater Quality Assoc.

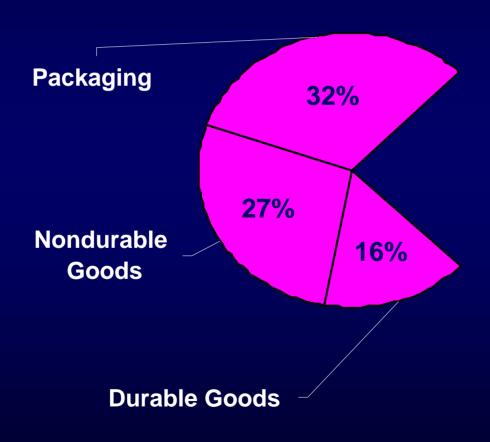
East Bay Municipal Utility District

Waste has Changed



What's Discarded

Products: 75%



- Computers
- Other electronic goods
- Batteries
- Fluorescent lamps
- Paints
- Household pesticides
- Pharmaceuticals
- Newsprint
- Cars
- Packaging
- Beverage containers

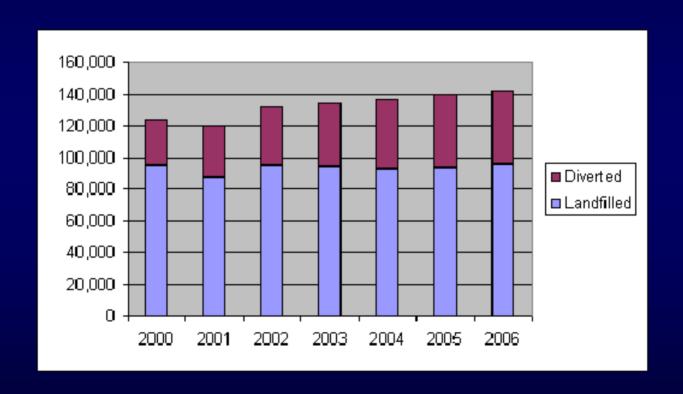
Government takes action

HHW & recycling become community services



But Waste Generation Keeps Increasing ...

Berkeley CA



Disconnected Systems

Industrial system Production & Distribution

Waste system





Collection & Disposal

Root problem: Subsidies for waste

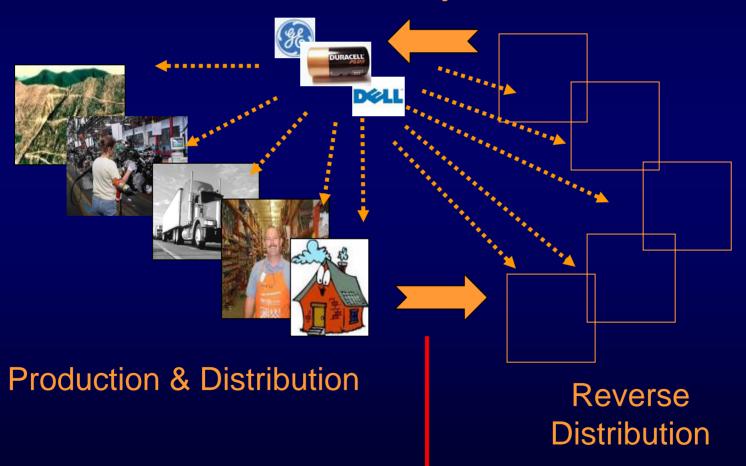
Public subsidies for collecting and managing wasteful and toxic products support and promote their continued production and consumption.





A Better Way: Extended Producer Responsibility

Industrial system



Principles of effective EPR

- Mandatory
- Results-based, not prescriptive
- Broad Scope
- No cost to local government
- Toxics reduction
- Competition is encouraged
- Disposal restrictions
- Transparent and accountable

Principles of effective EPR

Producers' Responsibility

- Design and finance collection programs
- Meet established collection goals

Government's Responsibility

- Establish collection goals & timetables
- Establish performance standards for recyclers
- Ensure transparency via verifiable progress reports
- Establish consequences for failure to achieve goals

Local EPR Resolutions

- Regional Council of Rural Counties (representing 30 rural counties)
- San Luis Obispo County
- Santa Clara County
- San Francisco (City and County)
- Santa Cruz (City and County)
- Oakland
- Sonoma County (Resolution and EPR plan)
- Marin County JPA
- Morgan Hill

